



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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Docket No.: 1083.1049/MJB

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In re the Application of:

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on February 22, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 22, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 16-21 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1-11 and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,991,846 to Ooki in view of U.S. Patent 6,385,622 to Bouve et al.

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Applicant's Previous Arguments

This rejection was raised in the previous Office Action. Applicants previously argued that these references do not teach or suggest resource information managing means for managing information relating to resources, including a position in the real world for each of the resources, "which are usable through said network circuit." These features are recited, for example, in claim 1. Instead, Bouve discloses a database including "items of interest," such as products, stores and services. However, these items of interest are not connected to the user's computer.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Examiner's Response

In response to these arguments, the Examiner states that the relied upon features are not recited in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner states that the "physical printers in a certain location" are not recited in the claims. Office Action, page 8, item 3(B).

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Using claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a means "for managing information including a position in the real world for each of the resources." These resources correspond to the printers in a certain location. These features are described, for example, on page 26 of the present specification, and in the FIGS. as printers 5a-5c.

Furthermore, it is particularly noted that the Examiner has not shown where Bouve teaches or suggests that the resources are "usable through said network circuit." Office Action, page 3. Similarly, in the "Response to Arguments" portion of the Office Action, the Examiner has not addressed our previous argument regarding this feature. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate where Bouve teaches or suggests these features.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

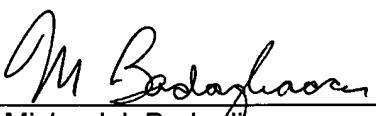
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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